Franchise Rights for Vada Pau in USA & UK

1672. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether United States, United Kingdom, and / or any other country shows interest to "Vada Pau" in their country, by obtaining Franchise rights;

(b) whether any Indian company has sounded the Ministry with respect to such proposal;

(c) the role that the Ministry plays in such matters, to facilitate trade; and

(d) the details of the procedure involved in such matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) The information does not pertain to India, and such information is not maintained by the Government.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Relaxing India's Stand on Agriculture in WTO

1673. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director General of WTO has asked India to relax its stand on agriculture issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what has been the response of Government to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):

(a) to (c) No, Sir. No communication has been received from the Director General of the World Trade Organisation asking India to modify its stand on the agriculture negotiations of the Doha Round.